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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-10, 12-25, 27-29, 31-34, 36-42, 44-49 and 52-61 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 19-21, 24, 25, 34 and 36-42 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-18, 27-29, 31-33, 44-49 and 52-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 6 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 46-49 and 52-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

a. The applicant is claiming that additional tool is being used in combination with the device to actuate. However, this tool is not shown in the drawings nor discussed in the specification.

1. Claims 58-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

a. The following claims do not further limit the actual device by modifying the workpiece. Claims 58-61 add limitations to the workpiece which is not part of the device by instead is really part of the workpiece.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 12-14, and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Drake (5853168).

Drake discloses a tool having a first jaw (32a) with a recess, which is stationary, a second jaw (33a) with a recess (see.fig1), actuator (13) which hand operated and a machine operated actuator (21&23) and this tool is clamp.

3. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, 10-14, 16-17, and 46-49, 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kott jr (6658711).

Kott jr discloses a tool having a second jaw (20) which is stationary with a retainer (32), a first jaw (14) with a recess, an actuator (15) which hand operated and a machine operated actuator (15) and this tool is clamp.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Benson (6658711) in view of Drake (5853168).

6. Claims 27-28, 31-33, 44-45, and 58-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kott jr (6658711) in view of Marks (6386530).

- a. Kott jr is discussed above.
- b. Kott jr does not disclose an at least one adapter removalby mounted to a jaw.
- c. Marks discloses a tool having a clamping surface (41 and fig.9 this clamping surface is configured to allow and adapter to be attached) with a an adapter which allows a clamping surface to have another removable clamping surface attached..
- d. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to have modified the Kott jr device by providing the clamp with the teaching of having one clamping surface and a second removable clamping surface attached therefore allowing the present invention to have it clamping surface turned into a removable surface as taught by Drake which is used to hold workpieces by employing a equivalent alternative jaw shape.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 19-20, 21, 24-25, 34, 36-42 are allowed.
8. Claims 6 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

e. New rejections have been applied to the amended claims as well as new 112 rejections.

10. Applicant submitted new claims.

f. The new claims have been reviewed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE D. WILSON whose telephone number is 571-272-4499. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

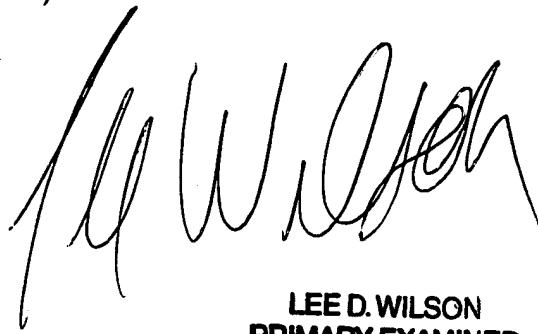
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOSEPH HAIL can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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March 6, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee D. Wilson".

LEE D. WILSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER